

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**18 MARCH 2008****APPROVED 03/27/2008**

The Board's meeting came to order at 6:15 pm in the basement meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Joe Dreyer; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

The Board discussed reorganizing. Gates moved that Gene Cordes remain the Board's Chairman. Dreyer seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Gates agreed to remain the Board's representative to the Budget Committee with both Cordes and Dreyer being appointed as alternates. Dreyer will be the Board's representative to the Planning Board but cannot attend the meeting tomorrow night. Cordes will try and attend that meeting. Cordes and Gates will both be alternate representatives to the Planning Board. The terms of the alternate representative appointment will be obtained from the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 13 March 2008 and 15 March 2008. Gene Cordes was the only member who was present for the March 13th meeting. He indicated he has read the minutes and finds them in order. Based on his recommendation, Gates moved to accept the minutes of 13 March 2008 as written. Dreyer seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Dreyer then moved to accept the minutes of 15 March 2008 as written. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

2. Selectmen again reviewed the two low bids for the trash and recycling pickup contract. There was discussion about the proposals and the need for increased recycling. Selectman Cordes had informed voters at Town Meeting about the totter proposal as it is anticipated to increase recycling.

The Waste Management proposal of \$208,000 could be compared to the newer Bestway price of \$211,000 which had been delivered last week. There was detailed discussion about choosing the WM option of \$205,500 (which they agreed to do at the onset and convert to the totters within three months); as it is lower, and it will reduce tipping fees, saving money in that part of the solid waste budget as well.

A motion was made by Dreyer to accept the Waste Management contract price proposal in the amount of \$205,500 (to include totters after three months, and a fuel adjustment annually) for a period of five years for a fixed price per year with a five percent annual adjustment. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen said they were very impressed with presentations made over the past few weeks from Bestway and Waste Management, and felt they could have worked with either company quite well. The added monthly fuel charge on the Bestway contract and the added recycling from the WM totter option were the two things that tipped the scale to the Waste Management proposal. A follow-up letter will be drafted to Bestway and a call made to both companies on Wednesday.

3. Selectmen signed an outgoing letter to Pinard Waste Systems who was the highest bidder and not in the final considerations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest dated 21 March 2008 in the amount of \$25,686.85. Gates moved to approve the manifest and Dreyer seconded. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen discussed arrangements for accounts payable manifest approval on Thursday. Cordes suggested that Carlson and one Board member can review and approve the manifest, and the entire Board will review the finalized manifest at the meeting on March 27th. Dreyer moved that one Selectman and

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Carlson could approve that manifest. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Cordes and Gates would be available late in the day on Thursday for this review.

At 6:42 pm motion was made by Cordes to enter non-public session in accordance with NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss a personnel matter. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

At 6:49 pm motion was made by Dreyer and seconded by Gates to return to public session. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. No decisions were made.

3. Selectmen reviewed outgoing correspondence to Deborah Essler, Acting District Manager of US Postal Service in Manchester regarding full service postal services. This letter was signed.

4. The Board reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.

5. The Selectmen reviewed appointment forms presented by the Town Clerk. The following were included:

Planning Board for one year: Leon F Holmes Jr, Mark Pitkin

Planning Board for three years: John "Jack" Karcz

Electrical Inspector for one year: Kenneth Pitkin

Community Technical Assistance Program Representative for one year: Janice O'Brien, John Karcz

SRRDD 53-B Representative for one year: Robert C Larson

Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years: Jack C Baker

Parks & Recreation for three years: Jon Benson, Deborah Genthner (Deb Genthner has declined this appointment due to her responsibility to the School Board Member position.)

Fire Chief for one year: Richard C Heselton

Health Officer for one year: Gertrude I Butler

Deputy Health Officer for one year: Thomas Roy

Conservation Commission for three years: John Karcz, Patricia deBeer

Assistant Town Moderator for one year: Michael J Rydeen

Deputy Treasurer for one year: Barbara B Bassett

Deputy Tax Collector for one year: Lori A Holmes

Deputy Town Clerk for one year: Katherine Arsenault

Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Dreyer to make the following appointments for the terms indicated:

Planning Board for one year: Leon F Holmes Jr, Mark Pitkin

Planning Board for three years: John "Jack" Karcz

Electrical Inspector for one year: Kenneth Pitkin

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The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen then reviewed the appointment forms for those positions that the Selectmen merely accept the officer's recommendation on the appointment. Gates moved to accept the recommendation of the Moderator, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk for their Assistant / Deputy requests as follows:

Assistant Town Moderator for one year: Michael J Rydeen
Deputy Treasurer for one year: Barbara B Bassett
Deputy Tax Collector for one year: Lori A Holmes
Deputy Town Clerk for one year: Katherine Arsenault

Dreyer seconded acceptance of these recommendations as presented by the Town Clerk for the Town Officials stated, and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

The Board will meet with Richard Butler next week to discuss the Fire Department appointment, as well as speak with Chief Heselton again by phone or in person.

7. Selectmen signed the NH Form MS-2 Statement of Appropriations from the 15 March 2008 Town Meeting. This will be forwarded to NH DRA.

8. Selectmen reviewed an email list of questions from Winnacunnet students regarding the annual Grassdrag events which happen in Fremont. The responses will be returned to the students by email.

9. Selectmen reviewed a resignation letter from Bob Wines from the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment dated March 12, 2008. Selectmen accepted this letter with regret and signed a return letter to Wines thanking him for his service to the Town.

10. Selectmen signed a lien form for parcel 06-064.017 in accordance with NH RSA 165:28.

11. Selectmen reviewed and approved the April Newsletter.

Dreyer moved to enter non-public session at 7:13 pm in accordance with NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss a tax hardship matter. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Gates moved to return to public session at 7:23 pm. Dreyer seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

12. Selectmen reviewed and signed a contract with the Dunlap Highland Band for annual Memorial Day Services on Sunday May 25, 2008 for the sum of \$800.

13. Selectmen reviewed an abatement for a portion of interest in the amount of \$1,986.04 on parcel 02-162 with the stated conditions. Cordes moved to approve the abatement, seconded by Gates. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. A letter was also signed to the owner. A letter was also signed on an abatement request regarding parcel 01-005 with no action taken by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Selectmen discussed sending a letter to Keith Stanton to follow-up on his alternate cable proposal as the NH PUC letter indicates they do not regulate cable services, and the Beede Hill Road resident indicated she has no Verizon television services.

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2. Selectmen discussed getting further follow-up information from Jay Somers for the next meeting, as they will not be meeting on Thursday this week. The Board would like something to be here by early next week, so that it can be distributed to them earlier than the meeting of March 27th.

3. Selectmen discussed sending a draft of the contract to the cable attorney recommended by Larry Morse to get an estimate of his time and cost to review the final document. The Board wants to have an understanding of cost and scope of services for legal review prior to making a decision.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday March 27, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Dreyer and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator